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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,000,566 issued 01/04/77 to Famolare, Jr.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,078,321 issued 03/14/78 to Famolare, Jr.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,258,480 issued 03/31/81 to Famolare, Jr.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,799,319 issued 01/24/89 to Zellweger
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,320,164 issued 06/14/94 to Szczesuil et al.
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,538,583 issued 07/23/96 to Szczesuil et al.
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,996,250 issued 12/07/99 to Reed et al.
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,041,518 issued 03/28/00 to Polycarpe

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